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### NEWS RELEASE

The International Bridge Administration today announced that one-way traffic crossings of the International Bridge at Sault Ste. Marie totaled 149,583 for the month of March, 2006. This represents a decrease of 1.39% as compared to March, 2005.

Traffic statistics for the month are as follows:

<i>Vehicle Classification</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings</i>	<i>Change from March, 2005</i>	<i>Percent of Total Crossings</i>
<i>Full-Fare Passenger Cars:</i>	58,109	-12.3%	38.8%
<i>Commuter Fare:</i>	78,120	10.5%	52.3%
<i>Car Pulling Trailers</i>	2,587	-9.5%	1.7%
<i>Commercial Trucks:</i>	10,767	-9.3%	7.2%
<i>Totals:</i>	149,583		100%

Traffic for calendar year 2006 has totaled 410,296 vehicles; this represents a decrease of 1.3% as compared to 2005. Since the bridge opened in 1962, over 79.2 million vehicles have crossed the structure.

Manager's note:

Another busy summer is planned for maintenance work on the bridge. Maintenance workers will routinely be on the bridge during the day completing a number of maintenance projects to keep the 40+ year old structure in good condition and structurally sound. The safety of bridge maintenance workers and the traveling public is top priority. Drivers are reminded to abide by the posted speed limit on the bridge and to be extra cautious and slow down when workers are on the bridge. Traffic will be maintained at all times by workers flagging during all maintenance work.

Sincerely,

*International Bridge Administration*

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